GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3396
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SYSTEM OF CHANGING TELESCOPIC FARES
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have resume the system of charging telescopic fares from passengers who wish to extend their journeys while traveling;

(b) if so, the reasons for abandoning this fair system of ticketing;

(c) whether railways are reverting to ancient practices in such commercial matters;

(d) whether railways are unconcerned about the needs of passengers who actually pay for tickets;

(e) whether there is discrimination between the railway policy for ticket paying travelers and pass holding free travellers;

(f) if so, the steps proposed to make the railways friendly to people who actually pay for their travel?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Prior to 1994, passengers were given the benefit of telescopic rates if they wanted to extend journey beyond the original destination station. On receipt of reports about misuse of this facility, the method of charging telescopic fares for extended journeys was revised with effect from 29.7.1994.

(c) to (e): No, Sir.

(f): Does not arise.